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SUBJECT: MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

FHE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE MONTHLY
MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6.

1. AMBASSADOR DEAN REPORTED ON DRUG DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN AMBASSADOR VANCE AND HEMISPHERE COMS AT RECENT CONFERENCE OF COMS. ONE MAJOR ISSUE CENTERED ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. DESIRE TO STOP THE FLOW OF DRUGS AND THE NECESSITY TO MEET CONSULAR OBLIGATIONS REGARDING PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF U.S. CITIZENS CAUGHT TRAFFICKING NARCOTICS. ANOTHER WAS THE PROBLEM INHERENT IN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DEA AGENTS IN THE HEMISPHERE AT A TIME WHEN SUSPICIONS AND SENSITIVITIES RELATING TO CIA INVESTIGATIONS ARE RUNNING HIGH.

2. AMBASSADOR DEAN ALSO DISCUSSED THE SUGGESTION WE HAD MADE EARLIER OF INITIATING REGIONAL MEETINGS ON DRUG (ESPECIALLY COCAINE) CONTROL. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE CLIMATE IN PERU AT THIS TIME WAS NOT PROPITIOUS FOR A U.S. APPROACH TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO ENCOURAGE SUCH MEETINGS. THE IDEA SHOULD NOT BE DROPPED BUT HELD IN ABEYANCE.

3. THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE THEN DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF CONVINCING THE GOP TO REDUCE PERUVIAN COCA PRODUCTION. MR. SMITH
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SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF APPROACHING PRIME MINISTER MORALES

BERMUDEZ. MR. SAUCEDO URGED THAT A MULTI-FRONT APPROACH SHOULD BE USED TO PRESENT THE PROBLEM TO MANY GOP LEVELS AT THE SAME TIME. AMBASSADOR DEAN ASKED THAT INFORMATIVE MATERIAL BE GATHERED FOR POSSIBLE USE BY INTERIOR MINISTER RICHTER OR OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS IN A SPEECH ON THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF COCA PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.

4. ON PENDING MATTERS, MR. SMITH REFERRED TO THE \$100,000 AVAILABLE TO PIP FOR ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. MR. FINBERG NOTED THAT OBLIGATION OF THE FUNDS IS AWAITING A SPECIFIC PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIONS POLICE. PIP HAS ONLY SUBMITTED A LIMITED PLAN AT THIS TIME. MR. BARNEBEY ASKED THAT MR. SMITH, MR. SAUCEDO AND MR. FINBERG MEET TO DISCUSS WAYS TO GET PIP TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SO THAT THE FUNDS CAN BE OBLIGATED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.
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